



ILLINOIS RACING BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Tuesday, December 17, 2013, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at 10:00 a.m. at the James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois. The following Board members were present: Chairman William Berry, Commissioners Kathy Byrne, Michael LaPidus, Allan Monat, Benjamin Reyes, Hugh Scates, Robert Schiewe, Jr., Gregory Sronce and Roger Whalen. Staff members Marc Laino, Katherine Laurent, Bob Lang and Mickey Ezzo were also present.

LICENSEE REQUESTS

Commissioner Reyes moved to approve the following intertrack wagering licenses for calendar year 2014: Arlington International Racecourse, Balmoral Racing Club, Fairmount Park, Hawthorne Race Course, Maywood Park Trotting Association, and Quad City Downs. Commissioner Whalen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Monat moved to approve the following intertrack wagering location (OTB) licenses for calendar year 2014: Arlington International Racecourse - Waukegan, Hodgkins, Villa Park, Orland Hills, and Weed Street in Chicago; Balmoral Racing Club – Crestwood, Champaign, and Normal; Fairmount Park – Sauget, Springfield, and Alton; Hawthorne Race Course – Mokena, Joliet, Glendale Heights, Prospect Heights, Bolingbrook, and Corliss Avenue in Chicago; Maywood Park Trotting Association – North Aurora, Lockport, Niles, Oak Brook, Hoffman Estates, and Elk Grove Village; and Quad City Downs – South Elgin, Rockford, Aurora, and McHenry. Commissioner Byrne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Scates moved to approve the following concessionaire licenses for calendar year 2014:

Arlington OTB Corporation servicing the Waukegan OTB.

Coast to Coast Food Service at Balmoral Park and Maywood Park.

Illinois Off-Track Betting servicing the OTB locations in Crestwood, Niles, and Oak Brook Terrace.

Furnace Room Tobacco servicing the Aurora OTB.

Stoney Point Grill servicing the Mokena OTB.

Levy Premium Foodservice at Arlington Park.

Quad City Downs, Inc. servicing Quad City Downs.

Post Time Catering at Hawthorne Race Course and the OTB locations in Joliet and Corliss.

Fairmount Park, Inc. at Fairmount Park and the OTB locations in Sauget and Springfield.

Prefer Valet Parking servicing the Weed Street OTB.

Salerno di Calabria, Inc. servicing the Hodgkins OTB.

Frank GF servicing the Villa Park OTB.

Van Lenhardt servicing the Alton OTB.

The Foundry servicing the Aurora OTB.
All Seasons Golf Learning Center servicing the OTB in Normal.
Reprise Corporation servicing the McHenry OTB.
Jupiter's at the Crossing servicing the Champaign OTB.
Feebz3 servicing the Lockport OTB.
The Turf Room servicing the North Aurora OTB.
Don Carter Lanes servicing the Rockford OTB.
Stanley's Family Sports Grill servicing the South Elgin OTB.
Where's The Duke servicing the Weed Street OTB.
The Saddle Room servicing the Hoffman Estates OTB.
Players Pub & Grill servicing the Prospect Heights OTB.
Action West servicing the Glendale Heights OTB.
LaRocco Bros. servicing the Orland Hills OTB.
BBK Sports, LLC servicing the Bolingbrook OTB;
At The Post, LLC servicing the Elk Grove Village OTB; and
Horseman's Guarantee Corporation of America, the horsemen's bookkeeping service at
Arlington Park, Balmoral Park, Hawthorne Race Course and Maywood Park.

Commissioner Byrne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Chairman Berry moved to approve advance deposit wagering licenses for ODS Technologies, LP (TVG), Xpressbet, LLC, Churchill Downs Technology Initiatives Company (Twin Spires), and Maywood Park Trotting Association, Inc. (Betzotic) through January 31, 2014. Further, the license for Churchill Downs Technology Initiatives Company is conditioned upon consent from the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (ITHA), prior to December 31, 2013, which is acceptable to both parties and approved by the Board's Executive Director. Commissioner Monat seconded the motion. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 7-2. Commissioners Byrne and LaPidus voted against the motion. Brad Blackwell appeared on behalf of Twin Spires and Glen Berman on behalf of the ITHA.

Commissioner LaPidus moved to approve the racing officials submitted by Balmoral Park and Maywood Park for calendar year 2014. Commissioner Byrne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

BOARD ITEMS

Chairman Berry moved to approve the certification of the following pari-mutuel tax credits to be applied beginning in January 2014:

Arlington Park - \$2,228,824.30
Balmoral Park - \$169,303.74
Fairmount Park - \$82,583.24
Hawthorne Race Course - \$569,152.17
Maywood Park - \$290,222.76
TOTAL - \$3,340,086.21

Commissioner Whalen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Byrne moved to approve the following Board meeting schedule for calendar year 2014:

Friday, January 31
Tuesday, February 18
Tuesday, March 25
Tuesday, April 29
Tuesday, May 20
Tuesday, June 24
Tuesday, July 29
Tuesday, August 26
Tuesday, September 30 (Dates Hearing)
Tuesday, October 28
Tuesday, November 18; and
Tuesday, December 16

All Board meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m. on the 9th floor of the James R. Thompson Center in Chicago, Illinois. However, the Board may consider, at a future Board meeting, moving the location of some of the Board meetings to the racetracks. Chairman Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

HEARINGS

Commissioner Schiewe moved to approve the suspension of jockey John LeJeune for the 60 calendar days already served for violation of IRB Rule 1416.140, for failing to persevere and put forth his best effort to achieve a maximum placing with his horse “Magnificent Mandy” in the second race at Fairmount Park on July 23, 2013. Commissioner Scates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Byrne moved to approve the denial of Seldon Ledford’s 2013 occupational license application for a groom’s license pursuant to Section 230 ILCS 5/15(C) of the Horse Racing Act and IRB Rules 502.60, 502.90, 502.100, 502.102 and 502.104, due to his felony conviction on April 5, 2007 in New Jersey for conspiracy to possess a controlled dangerous substance (Equipoise), his failure to disclose the felony conviction on his license application, and his failure to meet his burden of proof that his license has been restored by the New Jersey Racing Commission and that he possesses the general fitness for licensure in Illinois. Commissioner Whalen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chairman Berry announced the retirement of Board employee Christine Ezzo. After 42 years of state employment (38 years with the IRB), she will retire at the end of 2013.

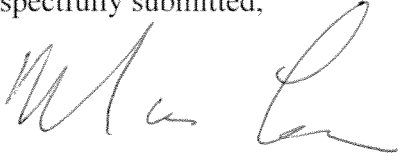
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Berry moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2013 Board meeting. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURMENT

At 11:45 a.m., Chairman Berry motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Byrne seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marc Laino', written in a cursive style.

Marc Laino
Executive Director